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POLICY MANUAL

State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

POLICY 5006(FAC)86-29 Demolition of Dilapidated Buildings on the Grounds of State Facilities

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References §§ 2.2-2402, 37.2-700, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
13VAC5-63 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, or per current version at the time of project initiation.
Construction and Professional Services Manual, Division of Buildings and Engineering, Department of General Services, current version at the time of project initiation

Background Subsection B of § 37.2-700 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the Commissioner, with the approval of the Board and the Governor, to demolish (tear down or raze) any building standing on property under the supervision and control of the Department that in the opinion of the Commissioner is in such a state of dilapidation or disrepair that it is dangerous to individuals receiving services, Department employees, or other persons frequenting that property.

Subsection B of § 2.2-2402 of the Code of Virginia establishes requirements for review and approval of removal of structures on state property by the Art and Architecture Review Board.

The Governor has final approval authority for requests to demolish a state building. The Division of Engineering and Buildings in the Department of General Services administers this approval process. The Construction and Professional Service Manual (CPSM) defines demolition procedures and demolition permit requirements as administered by the Division of Engineering and Buildings. The manual is updated annually, and projects are required to adhere to the version effective at the time of project initiation. The CPSM

operationalizes the requirements of §§ 2.2-2402, 37.2-700, of the Code of Virginia and 13-VAC5-63 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code for demolition of state properties.

Purpose To reflect the statutory requirement for the Board to approve requests for authorization to demolish buildings on property under the supervision and control of the Department.

Policy It is the policy of the Board that the Commissioner shall seek the approval of the Board to demolish any building standing on property under the supervision and control of the Department that is in such a state of dilapidation or disrepair that it is dangerous to individuals receiving services, Department employees, or other persons frequenting that property.

Finally, it is the policy of the Board that Commissioner shall comply with the procedures in 13VAC5-63 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, as operationalized in the *Construction and Professional Services Manual*, issued by the Division of Engineering and Buildings for identifying and demolishing any building.
